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## CUTLER SARDINE FACTORY BURNED

FORMER GLOUCESTER MAN SUFFERS SECOND TIME FROM FIRE.

At about 11.30 o'clock on Thursday night of last week, the sardine factory of G. H. Williams at Cutler, Me., was discovered in flames, which rapidly spread through the large frame structure. In a short time the factory, office, boiler-room, fish-shed and a part of the wharf was in ruins, the flames raging fiercely and the village having no means of fighting fire except by buckets. The loss will be about \$10,000, partially insured.

The factory was built about four years ago, on the site of one that had burned. About 1000 cases of sardines ready for shipment were in the building. J. W. Beardsley & Sons occupied a portion of the wharf for buying and sorting fish and lost the most of their equipment, a loss of nearly \$1000. The many friends of Mr. Williams, who lived here for many years and was also in the fish business here for a long time before removing to Cutler, will sympathize with him in his misfortune.

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### DORY HANDLINE FLEET.

Five Vessels Reported at the Virgin Rocks.

Recent reports from the dory handline fleet show that at least five of them are fishing at the Virgin Rocks and are finding some fish there. Schs. Tattler and John R. Bradley have both been to land recently, the former to get a rudder hung in place of the one she lost and the latter for water. Both captains report some fish at the Rock and state in their telegrams that they are going right back there. They report three other American dory handliners fishing at the Rock, schs. Independence II. and Arkona of this port and T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport.

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### Mackerel Reports.

A telegram to the Boston Fish Bureau yesterday states that 3000 mackerel were taken in the vicinity of Halifax, N. S., Wednesday.

The following sloops were at Newport, R. I., Wednesday night with mackerel: Wood and Mack, 300 fish; Thomas Condon, 160 fish; Clara T., 60 fish and Alice 60 fish.

### Codfishermen Spoken.

Capt. Thomas Benham of sch. Athlete reports speaking schs. Sylvia and Independence II., in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The captain thinks the latter craft left those waters, however, and went to the Virgin Rocks ground some time ago.

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### Dory Handline Cod Fare.

The fare of salt bank dory handline cod of sch. Athlete will go to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, owners of the vessel.

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### Sch. Tattler Lost Rudder.

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel, one of the largest fishing vessels from this port and engaged in dory handlining, put into St. John's, N. F., a few days ago with her rudder gone. She will make repairs as soon as possible and return to the fishing grounds.

### Bankers at Louisburg, C. B.

The following bankers were in at Louisburg, C. B., Tuesday for harbor: Gladiator, 175,000 pounds salt cod, Oriole 75,000 pounds, Premier 220,000 pounds.

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### NEW VESSELS FOR LUNenburg.

Shipyards Busier Than for Years With Fishing Craft.

That the fish business of the Nova Scotia south shore is a prosperous one and that high prices will continue without reciprocity is evidenced every day by the number of new vessels launched and the thousands of dollars invested in them, says a Lunenburg dispatch. The shipyards of the country are busy—busier than they have been for years—and there is a scramble among people with money to get shares in the new vessels.

No section of the country is profiting more by the shipbuilding boom than is Mahone Bay. The two shipyards there—owned by John McLean & Sons and J. Ernst & Son—are hives of industry. There is employment for all and good wages are paid.

Tuesday afternoon a very pretty launch took place at Ernst's yard, when the fine sch. Ada M. Westhaver glided gracefully into the water. The schooner is one of the largest fishing vessels in Nova Scotia. Her dimensions are: Over all, 131 feet; beam, 25 feet and 9 inches; hold, 10 feet and 10 inches. She is of about 125 tons register and will carry 22 men. The cabin is a commodious one and is nicely finished in panelled oak. The schooner is for Capt. Davis Westhaver of Martin's Brook, and others. She will be used next summer in the banks fishery.

J. Ernst & Son will lay the keel at once for a new fishing schooner for Capt. Wilfrid Naas of Lunenburg, now commander of the Tasmania. She will be built from the same model as the clipper schooner Nita M. Conrad.

Another schooner building in Ernst's yard is for Capt. Russell Hebb of Lunenburg. She will likely be launched some time next month.

In McLean's shipyard work is well advanced on a trim fishing schooner for Jacob Hiltz and others of Pleasant Point. The vessel, which will be used in the banks fishery, will be launched some time next month and will be commanded by Capt. Wallace Sarty.

After the launching of this vessel McLeans will begin the construction of a fishing schooner for Capt. William Gilfof of Lunenburg, who now commands the Alhambra.

A fine fishing schooner was launched on Friday from H. M. Leary's yard at Dayspring. The vessel, which was christened the Lowell Parks, is in point of design a very neat looking craft. She is of the semi-knockabout type with the following dimensions: Length over all, 120 feet; beam, 26 feet; hold, 10 feet and 6 inches. She is owned by parties on the LaHave river and will be commanded by Capt. Percy Parks.

A new schooner was launched from Naugler's yard at Lower Bridgewater, Thursday. She is 122 feet over all, 26.4 beam and 10.6 hold, and is a substantial looking craft. The owners are Zwicker & Co., limited, Capt. A. J. Wolfe, G. N. C. Hawkins and Fred Peterkin of Lunenburg, and A. V. Conrad and Charles Conrad of Parke's Creek.

### Want Fishermen Kept From Steamers' Routes.

The Clark's Harbor Coast-Guard says:

"The presence of the fishermen on the Trans-Atlantic lines is a problem that has worried the Trans-Atlantic captains for many years. The captain of one of the big liners running to New York said several weeks ago that the British, French and American governments should take steps to keep the trawlers away from the lanes. They are slow moving crafts, and unable to get out of the way quickly, and in thick weather it is dangerous for them to come down on the Trans-Atlantic lanes to fish."

### Will Bring Fares Here.

The LaHave, N. S., salt banker Muriel M. Richards arrived at her home port, from the banks on Tuesday, and will sail directly for this port where her fare has been sold to arrive.

The Newfoundland banker Hispaniola, Capt. John Lewis, harbored at Bay Bulls on Wednesday on her way to Harbor Breton from Labrador, N. F. As usual, Capt. Lewis has had a successful year, stocking about 2800 quintals. The Hispaniola, at present, has about 1,000 quintals on board and on reaching Harbor Breton she will take sufficient to load her and then sail for this port, her cargo having been bought here, to arrive.

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## COD FARE FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

SCH. MURIEL H. RICHARDS BROUGHT FARE FROM LUNENBURG HERE.

Another fare of Nova Scotia salt cod arrived here yesterday afternoon, the LaHave, N. S., fishing sch. Muriel M. Richards, which simply touched at her home port on the way along from Grand bank, coming in with 150,000 pounds of dory handline fish, the fare being bought to arrive by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Sch. American, one of the Provincetown fleet of dory handliners, came over from her home port during the night, bringing her Grand bank catch of 170,000 pounds of dory handline salt cod.

Down from Boston is sch. Eugenia with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish to split.

The torchers did pretty well last night and brought over 175 barrels of herring.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. American, Grand Bank, via Provincetown, dory handlining, 170,000 lbs. salt cod.

Br. sch. Muriel M. Richards, Grand Bank, via La Have, N. S., dory handlining, 150,000 lbs salt cod.

Sch. Eugenia, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Torchers, 175 bbls. fresh herring.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Sch. Arcadia, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Sch. Atalanta, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, handlining.

Sch. Emerald, pollocking.

Sch. Esther Gray, pollocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

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Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.65 per cwt. for large, \$4.10 for mediums and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$4.85, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50, medium \$5.15.

Haddock \$1.75.

Pollock \$1.75.

Cusk, large \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Salted whiting \$2 per bbl.

Fledged halibut 9c per lb.

Halibut fins, \$12 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt.; medium \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk 60c.

Hake, \$1.35.

Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.

Bank halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 9c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large 27c each, mediums 20c, small 14c.

#### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Salt shore herring, \$1.00 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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### Some to Bay of Islands.

Capt. Norman A. Ross is at Bay of Islands, N. F., in the interest of Davis Bros. and as usual will have charge there of that firm's herring operations the coming season.

BOUGHT nSHORT LOBSTERS.

Maine Warden Unable to Catch One Under Suspicion.

Portland fish wardens were greatly interested in a small white sloop which came into Portland Harbor for a few minutes late Thursday afternoon. Warden George Dow had made preparations to go down the harbor in a tug for the purpose of going on board the white sloop. The reason for the warden's interest was explained Friday when it was learned that a white sloop has been making trips along the Maine coast buying up short lobsters for the Boston market.

The sloop which came into Portland resembled the one which is alleged to be engaged in the short lobster traffic, but before the warden could reach the lower harbor the craft had disappeared.

Every year a number of Boston owned fishing boats make trips to Maine for the purpose of buying up lobsters which are of legal length in Massachusetts but which are of illegal length in Maine.

### Portland Fish Notes.

Predictions are being made by the Portland fish dealers that fish will be higher next week. During the fall to date, there have been no very fancy figures quoted on the sea food, but the coming week, it is expected that the price on all varieties may go a little higher. Warm weather and an over-abundance on certain varieties have had a tendency to keep the price down on these kinds while others have been high. The recent spell of bad weather, with the prospect that cold weather may soon be coming will tend to stiffen the market. Cod have been high all along and will go higher, while haddock will bring a good price. Hake and cusk are plentiful, but even the market in this will be firmer, according to the prediction.

### Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Notes.

The Riverport fishing sch. Ambition, Capt. Himmelman, has been sold to Capt. Dyett of Burgeo, N. F.

Nearly a thousand mackerel were taken at Blue Rocks on Monday night. They sold at Lunenburg at 15 cents apiece.

A new fishing schooner will be launched from the yard of W. C. Smith & Co., limited, on Saturday at Lunenburg.

Sch. Nita M. Conrad, Capt. Joseph Conrad, arrived at Lunenburg from Gloucester Tuesday morning.

### Provincetown Fish Notes.

Experienced fishermen are becoming so scarce for crews that skippers are talking seriously of hauling up during the winter. Schs. Harvester, Arbitrator, Nettle Franklin have already laid up.

A building is being erected at the Fisherman Cold Storage wharf to be rented to the dory fishermen. There are five rooms large enough for the work of the men and very convenient.

### Salt Cargo Arrives.

The British bark Miefeld, Capt. Drummond, arrived at this port this morning from Trapani with a cargo of 2200 tons of salt consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The craft has had a quick passage, being but 49 days on the trip over, 32 of them from Gibraltar. Good weather was encountered all the way across until coming on the land on this side, when rough easterlies set in and followed the craft to port.

### Easterly Still Holds Fleet in Port.

The continuance of the easterly wind which has now prevailed for a week, and which now threatens a storm with it, is holding a big fleet of fishing vessels in port, both here and at Boston. Sailings have been few and far between, but the skippers are hoping for a shift of wind by the beginning of next week so they can get away.

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### New Fishing Steamer.

Arthur D. Stoty, the Essex ship builder, has begun work on a fishing steamer for Capt. William G. Corkum of this city. The craft is to be 75 feet over all and is to have a 75 horse power gasoline engine. She will be launched in December and is expected at this port before Christmas.



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## THREE FARES AT T WHARF.

TOTAL FISH RECEIPTS ONLY 49,-  
000 POUNDS OF WHICH 20,-  
000 WERE HAKE.

The last day of the week finds but three fares of fresh fish at T wharf there being but 49,000 pounds for a total, 20,000 pounds of which were hake.

Sch. Rose Standish has 23,000 pounds of fish altogether, there being but 1200 pounds of cod and haddock in it, while sch. Viking, from fresh drifting has 19,000 pounds, 15,000 pounds of which are cod. The shore boat Olivia Sears has a good catch of cod, 6000 pounds, and also a thousand weight of pollock.

Haddock sold at \$2.50 and \$2.75 and large cod at \$4.30 and \$4.50. pollock went at \$1.55 and hake from \$1.10 to \$1.50.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Rose Standish, 600 haddock, 600 cod, 20,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Viking, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 700 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 6000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.30 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2.75; pollock, \$1.55; hake, \$1.10 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.85.

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### Sold to Pensacola Parties.

The well known gasoline auxiliary fishing schooner Robert and Carr has been sold by Wilson Bros. of Cundy's Harbor, Me., to Pensacola, Florida, parties. She will engage in snapper fishing.

### Cod Oil Advanced.

The price of cod oil has advanced in the foreign market within the last week, and the St. John's, N. F., market last week offered from \$100 to \$108 a tun, according to quality. The latter is the highest price, but once, obtained this season.

### Bankers Spoken.

Capt. Albert Larkin of sch. Laverna reports speaking schs. Susan and Mary and James W. Parker on La Have bank recently and schs. Juno and Marjie Turner of the halibut fleet on the Cape Shore spot.

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### Values Of Dried Fish.

The Halifax Maritime Merchant says that one of the things that has helped to strengthen the ideas of the Lunenburg fishermen with regard to values of dried fish are the purchases made at that port a few days ago for Gloucester. The Gloucester buyers paid \$3.40 per hundred pounds for green fish, or equal to \$6.12 per quintal for dried. It would be interesting to know whether if reciprocity had gone through the Lunenburg seller would have got any more for his fish. Gloucester buyers are reported to be making large purchases of green fish in Newfoundland at the present time. Who pays the duty?

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### Fulton Market Fish Notes.

Nearly all varieties of salt water fish, with the exception of halibut, were low in price this week, says the Fishing Gazette.

There were only four carloads of halibut from the West in the market. Western fish brought from 11c cents to 14 cents a pound. There was only a scant supply of eastern halibut, which was quoted at 12 cents to 18 cents.

Cod—Market fish sold at 4c to 4 1-2c. during the first half of the week and then dropped to less than 3c. Steakfish sold at 8c. to 9c. during the first three days of the week, and 5c to 6c. after that.

Fluke and flounders were cheap during the entire week. The former brought 3c. to 4c. and the latter 1 1-2c. to 3c.

Haddock was quoted at 3c. with the exception of Friday, when 4c. was obtained in some few cases. Pollock sold at from 2c. to 3c.

## TWO MORE SALT BANK COD FARES

SCH. LOTTIE G. MERCHANT HOME  
FROM HER SECOND  
TRIP.

Two more fares of salt bank cod have arrived here since last report, both in home vessels. Sch. Lottie G. Merchant from trawling brings 230,000 pounds of salt cod and sch. Flirt, from dory handlining, brings 110,000 pounds.

This is the second trip for the Flirt this season and the first for the Merchant. Capt. Clifford Vanamberg of the latter craft got away from here the latter part of March. On the start of the season he had considerable trouble, owing to the great scarcity of bait and other handicaps which sometimes beset a banking skipper, but he stuck to it gamely and did not bring the craft home until he had drilled up a good fare.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas is in here this morning with 35,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly hake, caught on the shore grounds and schs. Gladys and Sabra, Volant and Thalia of the shore pollock fleet are also in with from 2000 to 4000 pounds each. These latter three took out at the Fort and sch. Helen B. Thomas will also take out part of her fare to market.

Sch. Slade Corton came in during the night from a shack trip to Quero bank, with 70,000 pounds of fresh codfish which will go to split.

The torchers since Saturday have brought in 125 barrels of fresh herring which will go for bait.

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Sch. Volant, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Thalia, shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Monitor, via Portland.

Sch. Emily Sears, shore.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, shore.

Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.

Torchers, 125 lbs. fresh herring.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.

Schs. Gladys and Sabra, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, seining.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND CREWS ASK MORE

### Men Object to Usual Wages of \$30 Per Month.

### Crews of Two Crafts Reported Shipped at \$40.

Although eight of the local fleet had sailed on Newfoundland herring voyages up to Saturday noon, some of the men who usually "go to Newfoundland" are not taking kindly to the offer of \$30 per month wages and there is a good deal of hanging back among them when it comes to shipping.

Every season the men have picked about this wage and say, it is not enough, but the fleet has always been manned and \$30 has been the figure at which they shipped. This season, however, some of the men who make going to Newfoundland a regular winter business, say that fishermen are scarcer than usual in all lines of fishing, and that the usual number are not in sight for the Newfoundland voyages at \$30 per month.

The statement that men are scarce and that \$30 per month is not attracting them very greatly for the Newfoundland trips is concurred in by some of the skippers who are now fitting out. Some of them say the men are coming around slowly and do not seem anxious to go at the old rate. One skipper said he would rather go with less men than the usual crew and pay them \$35 per month than to hang around and take what he could get at \$30.

Capt. Almon D. Malloch, who owns two vessels, schs. Indiana and Alert, both of which he has fitted for New-

foundland, evidently found men scarce. On Saturday afternoon he came down from Boston, bringing with him eight or ten fishermen. These men, he said, he had shipped at \$40 per month to go in his vessels. Saturday evening the captain sailed in command of sch. Indiana and sch. Alert also went under command of Capt. John Morash.

Some of the firms sending vessels to Newfoundland said that every season it was about the same way, the men hanging back and wanting more than \$30 per month, but the fleet had always gone at that figure and already eight of them had gone this season, the crew shipping at the old figure, which considering the risks of the business and the small profits of the same, when there was any profit, did not warrant them paying any higher wage. They had not heard of Capt. Malloch paying \$40 a month in order to complete his crews. They say the sailing of the crafts thus far has not been delayed on account of lack of men, but that vessels which had been ready for several days had been delayed by the recent bad weather, and even at that several of them went to set last week in the face of the prevailing easterly and had no trouble in getting their crews and getting out in the face of adverse weather conditions.

This morning three more of the local fleet sailed on Newfoundland herring trips, having no trouble in getting away under the old wage status of \$30 per month and with a full quota of men on each craft.

## FISH STEAMERS SOLD AT AUCTION.

### Philomena Will Be Added to the Gloucester Fleet.

Quite a number from this city attended the United States marshal's sale of fishing steamers Bethulla, Philomena and Gelsha of the Boston Fisheries Co. at East Boston Saturday, among them being Benjamin A. Smith, Frank C. Pearce, Capt. John A. McKinnon, Capt. John W. Atwood, Capt. Larry McGrath and Capt. Patrick Murphy.

The steamer Philomena was secured by Capt. McKinnon on a bid of \$2640. The Bethulla brought \$2600 and the Gelsha \$1550, both being bought by Robert P. Nichols of Boston. Capt. McKinnon also bought one mackerel

seine and Benjamin A. Smith bought a lot of pollock and herring seines and other gear. A lot of nets and other fishing gear was bought by Capt. Atwood.

Capt. McKinnon, who for years has been one of the leading mackerel seiners on the coast, intends going in the Philomena next season, believing that sort of a craft just the thing for not only mackerel seining, but for catching herring, bluebacks and pollock in their season, along the coast. The steamer will be brought here and put in first class condition and will be equipped with the best of fishing gear.

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### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Indiana, Newfoundland salt herring.

Sch. Constellation, Newfoundland salt herring.

Sch. Aloha, Newfoundland salt herring.

Sch. Valentina, pollocking.

Sch. Emerald, pollocking.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, pollocking.

Sch. Seacomet, pollocking.

Sch. Thalia, pollocking.

Sch. Mina Swim, drifting.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddock-ing.

Sch. Vanessa, haddock-ing.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddock-ing.

Sch. Paragon, halibuting.

Sch. Allee M. Guthrie, haddock-ing.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, haddock-ing.

Sch. Jeanette, haddock-ing.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Newfoundland herring-trip.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gossip sailed from Arichat, C. B., on Thursday for this port.

Sch. Hazel R. Hines was at Canso, N. S., on Thursday.

Schs. Flora S. Nickerson and Smugler sailed from Canso, N. S., on Thursday.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, one of the dory handline fleet, was at Louisburg, C. B., on Friday, and cleared again the same day.

Will Fit for Newfoundland Trip.

Capt. Archibald Devine has hauled his sch. Arthur James out of mackerel seining and will now fit for a Newfoundland salt herring trip.

Pubnico Fleet Doing Well.

The large number of Pubnico, N. S., vessels which were fitted out for fall fishing are reported to be doing well.